

Amendment to the Claims

This listing of Claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this Application.

Listing of Claims

Claim 1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for single-event auto- downloading as a pair to a selected, download-requesting client device, for the auto configuring therein of an imaging-device driver, an imaging device driver and associated configuration-information, which associated driver/configuration-information pair is (a) specifically compatible with the selected client device's operating system, and (b) embedded, as an associated pair, within the imaging device's included firmware, along with, and as a part of, a plurality of similarly embedded, client-device-requestable, associated driver/configuration-information pairs that are specifically compatible, each as an associated pair, with a different client-device operating system, said method comprising

establishing between the selected client device and the imaging device an operative connection, including a bi-directional, imaging-device communication port which is (a) compatible with both devices, and (b) the port via which imaging-job information will be exchanged between the devices,

with respect to said establishing, and utilizing the mentioned port, effecting, via a single, client-device-implemented request, a companion, single-event download delivery therethrough directly from the imaging device to the selected client device of the embedded, associated driver/configuration-information pair which is specifically compatible with the selected client device's defined operating system, and

in association with said single-event effecting, and the resulting single-event, direct-from-imaging-device, client-device-requested download delivery, auto-configuring, in the selected client device, the thus directly delivered imaging driver utilizing the thus directly delivered, paired configuration information.

Claim 2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 1, wherein said effecting includes issuing from the client device to the imaging device a the mentioned client-device request though the communication port for the direct delivery of the paired driver and the configuration information.

Claim 3. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 2, wherein the communication port employed is RAW port 9100.

Claim 4. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 2, wherein the communication port employed is IEEE 1284 ECP parallel port.

Claim 5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 2 which is employed with a client device which possesses an add-device process, and which further comprises integrationally linking the process of client-device-requesting, direct downloading and auto-configuring with such process.

Claim 6. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 5, wherein the communication port employed is RAW port 9100.

Claim 7. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 5, wherein the communication port employed is IEEE 1284 ECP parallel port.

Claim 8-17, inclusive. (CANCELLED WITHOUT PREJUDICE).